THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Volume of Cargo moved through CIWTC between India and Bangladesh is as under:—

| Year | Tonnage (in MT) |
|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 21.113 |
| 1994-95 | 25.536 |
| 1995-96 | 62.772 |

(c) Operational difficulties such as restriction in number of ports of call, renewal of voyage permission, delay in Custom clearance, etc. are being experienced by CIWTC.

(d) The Standing Committee comprising representatives of both India and Bangladesh constituted under the provisions of the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade met on 27th and 28th February 1997 in New Delhi to discuss and remove the bottlenecks in Cargo movement between the two countries.

**केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि में वृद्धि**

1290. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि में वृद्धि के संदर्भ में संसद के दोनों सदनों द्वारा पारित प्रस्ताव को कार्यान्वित करने हेतु मंत्रिमंडल द्वारा हाल ही में कोई अंतिम निर्णय ले लिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

**जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन):** (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) मामला अभी विचाराधीन है।

**Amendments in the Motor Vehicles Act**

1291. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act are contemplated on account of frequently changes in the automobile technology and traffic management practices; if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) whether any other measures are proposed to be taken up to curb the threat of forged licences and permits; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Amendment in the Motor Vehicles Act is a continuing process and as and when any technical or other developments so warrant, necessary changes in the Act are incorporated.

(b) and (c) The power to issue licences and permits is vested with the State Governments and they have been advised from time to time to curb this threat.

**Share from the Central Road Fund to Kerala**

1292. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of Kerala from Central Road Fund and the amount paid to this State during last three years; and

(b) the amount due as on date and by when the balance is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) The balance share of Kerala from Central Road Fund (CRF) as on 31.3.1997 is Rs. 183.66 lakhs on the basis of tentative accruals of the consumption of petrol in the State.

Funds from CRF are allocated on lump-sum basis having regard to the accruals on the basis of consumption of petrol in the respective States, scheme